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AGREEMENT (ITA)

1. R.D. COURSEN OF WASHINGTON OFFICE OF MALAYSIAN TIN BUREAU TOLD DEPTOFF APRIL 28 HE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY HIS KUALA LUMPUR OFFICE THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA HAS INFORMED GOM MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MUSA HITAM OF FOLLOWING:

A. JAPAN WILL MAKE A VOLUNTARY BUFFER STOCK CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE FIFTH ITA, WITH SIZE OF CONTRIBUTION APPARENTLY RELATED TO JAPANESE VOTING STRENGTH ININTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL (ITC).

B. JAPAN WILL SUPPORT MALAYSIAN PETER LAI FOR EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF ITC. ACCORDING TO COURSEN, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA HAS AUTHORIZED MUSA HITAM TO ANNOUNCE JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR LAI, AND GOM ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED SHORTLY. SISCO
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